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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the election of species requirement set forth in the Official Action dated April 24, 2003, applicants hereby elect Species I which is defined as a positive planographic printing plate precursor comprising a water-insoluble and alkali-soluble resin, an infrared absorbent and an organic quaternary ammonium salt. All of claims 1-20 are believed to read on this elected species. In this respect, claim 11 does not exclude the presence of an organic quaternary ammonium salt.

This election is made with traverse since each of the claims is believed to be generic as noted by the Examiner. In this regard, applicants understand that if Species I is found allowable, then Species II will be considered.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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